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LOYOLA WARRIORS OFF TO ST LOUIS TO PLAY SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY BILLIKENS

Loyola College Warriors hockey team, currently sporting one of the best collegiate won-lost records in Canadian college ranks, flew out of Montreal yesterday (Thursday, February 11th) at 3:00 P.M. to St. Louis, Missouri to try their luck against U.S. competition. They meet the newly-formed Saint Louis University Billikens Friday night (February 12th) 8:00 P.M. and Sunday night (February 14th) at 7:00. Both contests will take place at St. Louis Arena, home of the Blues.

Dave Draper's Warriors sport a 22-2-2 record, their two losses coming in OSLAA competition. Saint Louis are an unknown quantity, this being their first year back in hockey after an absence of 29 years. Their record to date is 8 wins, 13 losses and a tie. Their most impressive games have been against the defending Canadian champions, the University of Toronto Varsity Blues, whom they tied 4-4 and defeated 8-7.

The switch to NCAA rules which does away with the center ice red line and prohibits bodychecking in the offensive zone does not disturb Draper too greatly. "We have a skating team which should take care of the forechecking problem. Our defenceman can rush the puck, which will be to our advantage because of the no-checking rule in the opponent's end. If we avoid stupid penalties, we should be in good shape, although both games will be tough."

Saint Louis University is a Jesuit institution founded in 1818, and better known in athletic circles for its perennial contenders in baseball and basketball. The hockey squad is young, being wholly composed of freshmen on athletic scholarships, with 13 Canadians and 7 Americans.

Head Coach Bill Selman is a native of Fort Frances, Ontario, who played college hockey at North Dakota. He turned to coaching at his alma mater and at Minnesota-Duluth following his playing days. His college record is 59-57-4.

Immediately prior to Friday night's game, the teams will exchange cordialities and friendship tokens. Through the office of Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau, the Loyola players will give City of Montreal Olympic pins, and will also give college mugs to the Billikens. The mugs were donated by the Loyola Jesuit community.

The entire cost of the four-day trip is being guaranteed by Saint Louis University. It is hoped that the encounter will become an annual affair.

Loyola boasts one of the tightest defenses in college hockey, having given up only 57 goals in 26 games (2.2 average, while the three well-balanced lines have been pouring them in at a steady clip, 148 (5.7 average).

Loyola's top line is composed of 4-year vet and captain Chris Hayes (17-25-42), right winger Jim Sunstrum (10-25-35), and left wing Pat McCool (21-12-33). McCool leads the team in goals with 21 while Sunstrum and Hayes lead in assists with 25. Hayes also leads in points with 42 in 24 games.

Hayes, Sunstrum and McCool stand 1,2 and 4 in team scoring. All played Junior "A" hockey, Hayes with Oshawa Generals, Sunstrum with Pembroke Lumber Kings and McCool with Shawinigan Bruins.

Warriors have a regular league game Wednesday, February 10th in Three Rivers against University of Quebec-Three Rivers, and should they win, they will be within one point of clinching first place in the OSLAA.